(b) whether Government propose to provide ILS at all the airports; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA): (a) Estimated cost of providing Instrument Landing System at remaining 65 airports with National Airports Authority, excluding civil enclaves where the responsibility is of Defence, would be Rs. 130 crores.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Whether *visibility condition*, type of terrain around the airport, type of aircraft operation are the factors that determine the requirement of ILS at an airport. Conditions prevalent at majority of the airports do not warrant provision of an Instrument Landing System. There is no need to provide Instrument Landing System at all the airports.

Multi funds in private and joint sectors

*90. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been a mushroom growth of mutual funds in the private and joint sectors;

(b) if so, what precautions have been taken by Government to see that these funds are not used for laundering of black money; and

(c) what check or monitoring is being exercised the proper utilisation of funds invested in these mutual funds?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) to (c) At present, all mutual funds functioning in the country are in the public sector. Therefore, it is not correct to say that there has been a mushroom growth of mutual funds in the private and joint sectors. In view of the growing importance of mutual funds and the decision to allow mutual funds to be set up in the joint and private sectors, this Ministry has recently issued a comprehensive set of prudential guidelines for the development and regulation of mutual funds and for ensuring investor protection. These guidelines are applicable to all mutual funds which invest primarily in the capital market and also partly in money market instruments subject to certain conditions. The guidelines cover, *inter-alia*, the establishment of mutual funds, restrictions on business activities, Trustees and Trust Companies, schemes for mutual funds and investment limitations account in requirements and disclosures and reporting. All mutual funds shall require authorisation for business by the Securities and Exchange Board of India.

Promotion of bio-gas plants and smokeless Lchulahs in the country

*91. SHRI RAM NARESH YADAV: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of family size bio-gas plants set up and also the number of improved and smokeless chulahs installed in the country, so far;

(b) what has been their impact on saving fuel and wood for the users; and

(c) what incentives Government propose to give for the development of this source of energy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) A total of over 14.9 lakh family size biogas plants and 113 lakh improved chulhas have been installed so far in the country under the Centrally sponsored programmes.

(b) A family size biogas plant and an Improved Chulha are estimated to save about 4 and 0.7 tonnes of firewood per year, respectively, for the users.

(c) The Government is continuing implementation of National Project on Biogas Development and National Programme on Improved Chulhas, which provide various kinds of incentives such as central subsidy, training programmes, involvement of self-employed workers and